

What is claimed is:

1. An image forming apparatus connected to a network, comprising:

an operation section for editing a first job ticket specifying an output condition to output image data onto an output medium;

an interface section to communicate a remote operation apparatus through the network; and

a control section to allow the remote operation apparatus to edit a second job thicket.

2. The image forming apparatus of claim 1, further comprising:

a storage section having a first job ticket storing area for the operation section to store the job ticket being edited by the operation section, and a second job ticket storing area for the remote operation apparatus to store the job ticket capable of being edited by the remote operation apparatus,

wherein the control section is configured to:

control, when a request for editing a job ticket is received from the remote operation apparatus, in such a

way as to write the job ticket read out from the first job ticket storing area into the second job ticket storing area, and

control, when a request for saving a job ticket is received from the remote operation apparatus, in such a way as to read the job ticket edited by the remote operation apparatus from the second job ticket storing area, and to write into the first job ticket storing area.

3. The image forming apparatus of claim 2, wherein the job ticket stored in the second job ticket storing area is capable of being edited only by the remote operation apparatus.

4. The image forming apparatus of claim 1, wherein the data format of the job ticket to be edited by the operation section is the same as that of the job ticket capable of being edited by a remote operation apparatus.

5. The image forming apparatus of claim 2, wherein the data format of the job ticket being edited by the operation section is the same as that of the job ticket capable of being edited by a remote operation apparatus.

6. The image forming apparatus of claim 1, wherein the interface section is connected with a plurality of remote operation apparatus, and the image forming apparatus further comprising:

a storage section having a plurality of job ticket storing areas for storing a job ticket capable of being edited by a remote operation apparatus,

wherein the control section is configured to write, when the control section receives a request for editing the job ticket from one of the plurality of remote operation apparatus, the job ticket being subjected to the edition into one of the plurality of job ticket storing areas, to make it possible for the remote operation apparatus to exclusively edit the job ticket.

7. The image forming apparatus of claim 6, wherein when the control section receives a request for editing the job ticket from a remote operation apparatus of the plurality of remote operation apparatus, the control section transmits identification information to identify the job ticket being subjected to the edition to the remote operation apparatus.

8. The image forming apparatus of claim 6, wherein in a case where each of all the plurality of job ticket storing areas is filled with a job ticket written when the control section receives a request for edition from a remote operation apparatus of the plurality of remote operation apparatus, the control section notifies the remote operation apparatus that the edition of a job ticket is impossible.

9. An image forming method comprising:

editing a job ticket for specifying an output condition in outputting image data onto an output medium by using an operation section equipped in an image forming apparatus;

editing the other job ticket than the job ticket to be edited by the operation section, by using a remote operation apparatus connected to the image forming apparatus through a network; and

outputting the image data onto the output medium by applying the job ticket edited by using the mainframe operation section and/or by applying the other job ticket edited by using the remote operation apparatus.

10. The image forming method of claim 9, further comprising:

storing the job ticket being edited by the operation section into a first job ticket storing area for the operation section;

storing the job ticket capable of being edited by the remote operation apparatus into a second job ticket storing area for the remote operation apparatus;

controlling, when a request for editing a job ticket is received from the remote operation apparatus, in such a way as to write the job ticket read out from the first job ticket storing area into the second job ticket storing area; and

controlling, when a request for saving a job ticket is received from the remote operation apparatus, in such a way as to read the job ticket edited by the remote operation apparatus from the second job ticket storing area, and to write into the first job ticket storing area.

11. An image forming method for forming an image by using an apparatus connected for communication with a plurality of remote operation apparatus for editing a job ticket specifying an output condition to output image data onto an output medium, the image forming method comprising:

storing a job ticket capable of being edited by a remote operation apparatus into a storage section having a plurality of job ticket storing areas; and

controlling to write, when a control section receives a request for editing the job ticket from one of the plurality of remote operation apparatus, the job ticket being subjected to the edition into one of the plurality of job ticket storing areas, to make it possible for the remote operation apparatus to exclusively edit the job ticket.

12. The image forming method of claim 11, further comprising the step of transmitting, when the control section receives a request for editing the job ticket from a remote operation apparatus of the plurality of remote operation apparatus, identification information to identify the job ticket being subjected to an edition to the remote operation apparatus.